

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

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1. A method of partitioning system management information for a plurality of network devices, comprising:

receiving system management information for the
10 plurality of network devices; and
partitioning the system management information based on at least one leasehold of the plurality of network devices.

15 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
generating at least one document based on the partitioned system management information for each of the at least one leasehold; and

transmitting the at least one document to a
20 management system of the at least one leasehold.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein transmitting the at least one document includes converting the document to a format useable by the management system.

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4. The method of claim 3, wherein converting the document includes translating the document from an extensible markup language document to one of an application program interface format and a remote program
30 call format.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein partitioning the

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system management information includes partitioning the system management information based on stored lease information.

5 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the stored lease information is received as an extensible markup language document.

7. The method of claim 2, wherein transmitting the at
10 least one document includes sending the at least one document to a management system adapter that converts the document to a format useable by the management system.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the system management
15 information includes at least one of an identification of applications run under each of the at least one leasehold, a number of network devices on which the applications for each of the at least one leasehold were run, an amount of network bandwidth used by each of the
20 at least one leasehold, and a level of success of running the applications under each of the at least one leasehold.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of
25 network devices are a plurality of thin servers in a thin server farm.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of thin servers and
30 wherein the method is implemented in a metaserver of a thin server farm.

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11. An apparatus for partitioning system management information for a plurality of network devices, comprising:

means for receiving system management information
5 for the plurality of network devices; and

means for partitioning the system management information based on at least one leasehold of the plurality of network devices.

10 12. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:

means for generating at least one document based on the partitioned system management information for each of the at least one leasehold; and

15 means for transmitting the at least one document to a management system of the at least one leasehold.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the means for transmitting the at least one document includes means for converting the document to a format useable by the
20 management system.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the means for converting the document includes means for translating the document from an extensible markup language document
25 to one of an application program interface format and a remote program call format.

15. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the means for partitioning the system management information includes
30 means for partitioning the system management information based on stored lease information.

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16. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the stored lease information is received as an extensible markup language document.

5 17. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein means for transmitting the at least one document includes means for sending the at least one document to a management system adapter that converts the document to a format useable by the management system.

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18. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the system management information includes at least one of an identification of applications run under each of the at least one leasehold, a number of network devices on which
15 the applications for each of the at least one leasehold were run, an amount of network bandwidth used by each of the at least one leasehold, and a level of success of running the applications under each of the at least one leasehold.

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19. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of thin servers in a thin server farm.

25 20. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of thin servers and wherein the apparatus is a metaserver.

21. A computer program product in a computer readable
30 medium for partitioning system management information for a plurality of network devices, comprising:

first instructions for receiving system management

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information for the plurality of network devices; and
second instructions for partitioning the system
management information based on at least one leasehold of
the plurality of network devices.

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22. The computer program product of claim 21, further
comprising:

third instructions for generating at least one
document based on the partitioned system management
10 information for each of the at least one leasehold; and
fourth instructions for transmitting the at least
one document to a management system of the at least one
leasehold.

15 23. The computer program product of claim 22, wherein
the fourth instructions for transmitting the at least one
document includes instructions for converting the
document to a format useable by the management system.

20 24. The computer program product of claim 23, wherein
the instructions for converting the document includes
instructions for translating the document from an
extensible markup language document to one of an
application program interface format and a remote program
25 call format.

25. The computer program product of claim 21, wherein
the second instructions for partitioning the system
management information includes instructions for
30 partitioning the system management information based on
stored lease information.

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26. The computer program product of claim 25, wherein the stored lease information is received as an extensible markup language document.

5 27. The computer program product of claim 22, wherein the fourth instructions for transmitting the at least one document includes instructions for sending the at least one document to a management system adapter that converts the document to a format useable by the management
10 system.

28. The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the system management information includes at least one of an identification of applications run under each of
15 the at least one leasehold, a number of network devices on which the applications for each of the at least one leasehold were run, an amount of network bandwidth used by each of the at least one leasehold, and a level of success of running the applications under each of the at
20 least one leasehold.

29. The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of thin servers in a thin server farm.

25 30. The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of thin servers and wherein the computer program product is executed in a metaserver of a thin server farm.

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